THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 20th July 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Accommodation in Kurnool for locating the Andhra Capital.

* 712-A Q.—SRI N. V. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) whether any officers of the Government and Hon. Ministers have been deputed to go to Kurnool to report about the present accommodation available at Kurnool for locating the temporary Capital of the Andhra State;

(b) if so, who they are, and what their principal observations and recommendations are; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to place their detailed reports on the table?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"There is another short notice question on the same subject put by Sri Pragada Kotaiah and I will answer both the questions together."

* 712-B Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to place on the table of the House the report submitted by Sri J. M. Lobo Prabhu, Secretary to Government, Development Department, about the facilities and accommodation available in Kurnool for the location of the temporary Capital of the Andhra State there and state the steps taken so far to secure accommodation for the location of the Andhra Capital?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"(a) to (c) This Government deputed Sri Lobo Prabhu, I.C.S., to visit Kurnool district and collect, for the information of the Government of India, the relevant factual data and to indicate what arrangements are likely to be necessary in connexion with the location of the temporary Capital of the Andhra State at Kurnool. The report submitted by this officer and the note thereon of the Committee of Secretaries have been forwarded to the Government of India. This Government is not in a position to place such intermediate papers on the table of the House here.

The Government of India have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 40 lakhs for the expenditure likely to be incurred till the 1st October 1953, in connexion with the arrangements to be

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made for the location of the temporary Andhra Capital at Kurnool. It has, however, been decided on the suggestion of this Government that the manner in which this amount should be utilized and the precise arrangements to be made should be settled by a high-level Special Officer who will be appointed by the Government of India shortly and who is expected to join duty very soon.

As regards the report of Sri Lobo Prabhu, while it would not be proper to place such papers before the House, I am prepared to give all the necessary information to the hon. Member who put me the question. Although technically it is improper to place the report itself on the table of the House, I have given the contents of the report in a paper of my own, so to say, a note of my own which hon. Members may have if they like."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, after all an informal opinion has been expressed for Kurnool being the temporary Capital. Why is it that the Government are so anxious to spend public money to the extent of Rs. 40 lakhs on tours and other arrangements for establishing this temporary Capital, till Legislative sanction is made for the fixation of the temporary Capital? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I take it, Sir, the question is put to this Government and I say that we have done it at the instance of the Government of India. But I may add on my own account that if I did not do that, a different set of objections would be raised."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I ask the Hon. Chief Minister to place his note on the table of the House or circulate it? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I will give a copy to the gentleman who put the question to me and one copy to the hon. Member, Sri Viswanatham just now."

8-40 a.m. SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is there any basis for the rumour going about that the headquarters of the Governor of Andhra State is to be located in the Non-Andhra area in Madras City? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is only a Special Officer that is now coming and he is not yet a Governor. Secondly, he comes here more to look into the matter and equip himself with information and it would be better that he is near the Secretariat. So, the Governor and I are making arrangements for him in a very peculiar situation. It is no question of Governor or Capital."

SRI N. V. RAMA RAO :—" Is it true that the Special Officer deputed by this Government reported that Kurnool town is inaccessible, unhealthy, subject to inundation, has limited scope for expansion and has inadequate accommodation for Government staff? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I presume, Sir, the question is about the merits of the temporary Capital and it will no doubt come up in the course of the discussion."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" The Hon. Chief Minister has supplied copies of his note to the hon. Member who put the question and to the hon. Member Sri T. Viswanatham. May I request him to place a copy of it on the table of the House for the information of all the Members? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not think it is worthwhile printing it. As I said, it is not proper to place the report itself on the table of the House. I have given my own note and if I am not asked to print 500 copies and supply them, here is a copy which any Member may read."

(The Hon. Chief Minister then handed over a note to the hon. Member Sri P. Venkateswarlu.)

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, what the remarks of this Government are on the report of Sri Lobo Prabhu? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" As I have already said, the Committee of Secretaries who are dealing with such matters have put their own suggestions into it and that report together with the report of the Partition Committee has gone to the Government of India. The Government of Madras as such have no remarks to make."

X-ray plant in King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

* 713 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Deep X-ray plant in King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam, has been out of use for the last more than a year ; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Deep X-ray plant of the Hospital has gone out of order from 17th June 1952 as the tube was damaged due to wear and tear."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" What have the Government done to make the X-ray plant useful? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is proposed to get a different sort of tube and also some other parts. Indents for these parts have been placed and supply is awaited."